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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HUTCHENS *et al.*

Application No.: 09/100,633

Filed: June 19, 1998

For: RETENTATE
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IN BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2000, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30 and 33-35 without prejudice to subsequent renewal.

✓ Please add the following new claims

— 76. (New) A screening method for determining whether an agent modulates
binding between a receptor/ligand pair that bind to each other, the method comprising the steps
of:

a) providing a receptor or a ligand of the pair bound to a substrate;